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Louisiana to Host National State Fire Marshal's Conference

New Orleans LA – State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning announced today that State Fire Marshals from all across the United States will assemble in New Orleans for their annual meeting, this week. The National Association of State Fire Marshals represents the senior fire official of every State and annually conduct educational and training sessions. Louisiana was unanimously chosen to host this year's event.

State Fire Marshal's responsibilities vary from state to state, but Marshals tend to be responsible for fire safety code adoption and enforcement, fire and arson investigation, fire incident data reporting and analysis, public education and advising Governors and State Legislatures on fire protection. Some State Fire Marshals are responsible for fire fighter training, hazardous materials incident responses, wildland fires and the regulation of natural gas and other pipelines.

The opening ceremonies will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel on Thursday July 14, at 10am, the educational programs will continue through Saturday. Subjects include; accreditation of fire prevention bureaus, life safety and sustainability in buildings, arson investigation training, bomb and arson tracking systems and home fire death reduction measures. State Fire Marshal Browning will also be presenting a program titled; State Safety Standards for Temporary Emergency Structures. This is a result of success in Louisiana's response to recent disasters where quick and safe housing was needed for citizens and emergency workers immediately following hurricanes and the recent Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill. Other local speakers will include Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne, Col. Mike Edmonson, GOHSEP Interim Director Pat Santos, New Orleans Fire Chief Charles Parent and State Representative Karen St. Germain.

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Marshal Browning stated, “We have an opportunity to not only learn how to make our office a better promoter of fire safety and partnerships with our stakeholders but also to showcase our State to other State’s leaders”. Col. Mike Edmonson stated, “We are honored to have this event in New Orleans, Our public safety family will benefit from this collaboration of fire marshals as we strive everyday to provide the highest quality of service to Louisiana, we know the strength of our mission protects people’s lives”.

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